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Dear Neighbor,

Follow the fresh new asphalt on East Layton Avenue a ways west to the Green Corridor on S. 6th Street. You can park amid the new urban orchard at the Garden District Farmers' Market, where the Solar Flower turns sunlight into electricity. Come back east to Humboldt Park, where the old warming room has been brought back to life as the warm and inviting Bavarian Room. Pause for a sip at the pavilion's new bubbler, which was purchased by Humboldt Park Friends.

All of these things are new in 2015. They are among the many positive changes I have worked for in Bay View, the Garden District, and throughout Milwaukee County. In the past two years alone, the County Board has directed over \$10 million for improvements in our County Parks. The new GO Pass has increased transit access for thousands of elderly and disabled people. We have accomplished all of this in the face of state-mandated budget cuts and a hostile County Executive who has usurped power for himself at the expense of democratic public representation.

In the face of this, I remain committed to providing the best services to the people of Milwaukee County. It has been my greatest honor to represent the citizens of the 14th district.

Supervisor Jason Haas, District 14

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Bay View Dads
- Bay View Historical Society
- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Friends of Mitchell Airport Park
- Friends of Morgan Park
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Humboldt Park Friends
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association
- Wilson Park Neighborhood Association



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East Layton Avenue: Quiet and Smooth!

Supervisor Haas is proud to have made E. Layton Avenue between S. Howell Ave. and I-794 (County Highway Y) into one of the smoothest roads in Milwaukee. This will add significantly to the curb appeal of East Layton Avenue, a major point of entry to the city from Milwaukee County General Mitchell International Airport.

Thanks to Supervisor Haas's partnership with Milwaukee Alderman Terry Witkowski, the City of Milwaukee will install runoff absorption and beautification features.

In 2013, Supervisor Haas invoked a 1918 law to make the state of Wisconsin perform and pay 80% of the \$3.4 million cost of the project. The County covered the remaining 20%, or \$680,000.

In 2014, a diamond grinding was performed on the road, removing the infamous bumps from the road. This year, E. Layton got an asphalt overlay after concrete base patching, sewer and manhole adjustments, and signal upgrades were performed. All of the work was performed without needing to close the road at any time.

Solar Flower on S. 6th Street



Sup. Haas and Ald. Witkowski stand with the energy-producing Solar Flower at the Garden District Farmers' Market.

The Solar Flower's six solar panels generate 1.5 kilowatts per hour, enough to run three window-mount ACs. It was purchased with a grant from Milwaukee Shines and was designed by Aaron Garrett-Schesch of Solar Nouveau Company of Plover, Wisconsin.

S.E.E.D. Project Takes Root

Supervisor Haas was proud to support a resolution creating the S.E.E.D., or Sowing, Empowering, and Eliminating Deserts of Food, program.



Sup. Haas stands with Sups. Dimitrijevic and Romo West, and Hunger Task Force Executive Director Sherrie Tussler in front of the new Mobile Market truck.

Stockbox delivery program to our seniors. This Mobile Market will provide opportunities for residents to purchase nutritious food in neighborhoods while accepting food benefits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food deserts as "urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, affordable food options."

Supervisor Haas recently toured the new Fresh Mobile Market with Hunger Task Force. The mobile market will begin traveling to senior housing and meal sites in November.

"There is no doubt that some areas of our community are without access to healthy food alternatives," Haas said. "The S.E.E.D. program promises to help not only seniors, but all people who live in food 'deserts' gain access to fruit and produce that will help reduce health disparities in Milwaukee County."



Supervisors Haas and Dimitrijevic inspect coolers that will store fresh food available for purchase at the Mobile Market through the County Board's S.E.E.D. program.

Milwaukee County Beer Gardens

It was quite a summer for beer gardens in Milwaukee County. The well-established Humboldt Park, Estabrook Park, Hoyt Park and Traveling Beer Gardens were joined by the South Shore Terrace, which was sponsored by SABMiller.

The Humboldt Park Beer Garden opened in 2014 and is operated by St. Francis Brewery. This year, St. Francis Brewery renovated the old warming room and reintroduced it as the Bavarian Room. The old rubber flooring, which sat unused since county-sponsored ice skating ended in the mid-1980s, was removed, and the once-idle room sprung back to life. The brewery also decided to add an array of brews from craft breweries from around the state, and added locally made food from Milwaukee Pizza Company, Babe's Ice Cream and Milwaukee Pretzel Company.



A flight of beers makes for a delightful afternoon at the Traveling Beer Garden™.

Ten percent of beverage sales at Humboldt was set aside for a dedicated park improvement fund. An additional five percent was set aside on Mondays for the nonprofit group Humboldt Park Friends. The total money set aside was not available by press time. The Humboldt Park beer garden brought in over \$40,000 in 2015.

2016 County Budget Overview

In the coming weeks the County Board will debate and amend the County Executive's proposed 2016 budget. The budget will hopefully address issues related to transit, parks, cultural assets, public safety and economic development. I hope we can continue investments to make Milwaukee County an excellent place to work and live even while the County accounts for cuts in state shared revenue. The County must also support our workers, improve our infrastructure and increase transit to continue to attract business and new residents.

Your Money, Chris Abele and the Bucks Arena

I have mixed feelings on the construction of a new arena for our professional basketball team, the Milwaukee Bucks. I am happy that they will stay and add economic and residential activity in downtown Milwaukee.

However, I am disappointed that County Executive Chris Abele made it impossible for the County Board to vote on any land sales or public financing options. Abele used his money and influence to exclude the public from any and all decision-making on this deal. Abele single-handedly sold the Bucks nine acres of land for \$1, and then obligated taxpayers to pay \$80 million over the next 20 years. That is \$4 million each and every year for the next 20 years that cannot be used for parks, transit, or social services. This and future County Boards will have to make tough decisions on how to make up for that budget hole.

"GO Pass" Offers Free Bus Rides To Seniors And Persons With Disabilities

The Milwaukee County Transit System began issuing "Growing Opportunities," or "GO Passes" on March 31, allowing seniors and persons with disabilities to ride the bus for free.

MCTS will process applications for GO Passes at the MCTS Administration Building, 1942 N. 17th Street, Milwaukee, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The no-cost pass can be used immediately. Applications can be printed out and downloaded at RideMCTS.com. Contact MCTS at (414) 343-1700 for more information.

Thousands of people have already received GO Passes.

"The GO Pass allows seniors and disabled persons to travel independently to destinations such as the grocery store, the doctor or their jobs," Supervisor Haas said. "Putting more people on buses not only reduces traffic, it is an environmentally sound practice."

